

**Minutes of the Extraordinary General meeting of Carrick u3a held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at Kea Community Hall, Playing Place, Truro at 10am.**

Present: 99 members making the meeting quorate.

Apologies: Paul Lucas, Carol Waters, Pat Crowle, Julia Holme, Graham and Wendy Pascoe, Bob Fulleylove, Anthea Sharp, Les and Brenda Moulson, Shirley Cardus.

1. The Chair, Lesley Parsons, welcomed members and introduced members of the Committee. She then went on to set out the format of the meeting.

2. Bob Williams presented the motion to amend **Paragraph 5, subsection (iv)** ( as document distributed).

He stated that the change was to limit continuance of membership without renewal from 3 months to 6 weeks.

There being no questions the motion was passed by a majority show of hands.

3. Jenny Fulleylove presented the motion to amend **Paragraph 6. The Committee Item (i) and Paragraph 7, item (iii) and (iv)**. (as document distributed).

Jenny Stated that the Officers would be elected for 2 years and ordinary members for 1 year in order to boost members coming forward and possibly shadowing an officer post before taking it on. Also membership of the committee would be limited to 9 years.

Question: A member asked what was the difference between a Trustee and a committee member.

The Chair clarified that all committee members were Trustees and explained that Trustee liability was limited on account of our membership of the Third Age Trust

Question: John Bishop. Was the limit on committee membership of 9 years retrospective.

The Chair responded that we do not vote retrospectively on constitutional matters.

The motion was passed by a majority show of hands

4. Ric Reilly presented the motion to amend **Paragraph 13 Annual General meeting** with the addition of a clause to facilitate hybrid attendance **(vii)** (as document distributed)

The rationale was to overcome the difficulties that had been experienced during the recent pandemic lockdowns. It would also allow members who were not able to attend in person to participate. The wording had been adapted from the Third Age Trust sample Constitution.

Question: Sheila James. Asked for clarification of how it would work and Mervyn Knight questioned whether it would be exclusive and secure

John Bishop also had concerns about security.

Response: The membership registration as used for this meeting could cope with a member who had registered a proxy and then attended or had apparently sent multiple copies.

A member thought that from experience Zoom meetings were not ideal. It was acknowledged that was so but would only be needed for large numbers, for example in a pandemic situation.

John Bishop stated he had not received the detailed wording. Bob Williams replied that all members where at least one of a couple had an email address had received copy in that way, otherwise postal copies had been sent.

A vote was taken, the majority voted for the change with 7 against.

5. Sue Hutt presented the proposal to amend **Paragraph 15 Procedure at meetings with the addition of clauses (vi-x)**. (As document distributed)

Again this was adapted from the Third age Trust model constitution. The Rationale was to allow proxy voting in respect of hybrid attendance or inability to attend a meeting.

Question: John Bishop again concerned about verification of vote.

Sue Hutt explained that there was a list of members available with current membership number and if the member named on the proxy attended the proxy would be removed.

A vote was taken and was passed by a majority with 3 voting against.

The Chair then asked if there were any further questions. There being none a vote was taken to agree the amended constitution as a whole.

This was agreed by a majority with 1 vote against.

Lesley thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 11am